



STATEWIDE LAYMEN'S EVANGELISM CONFERENCE CONDUCTED IN JACKSON

A statewide Laymen's Evangelism Conference was held Mar. 2-3 at First Church in Jackson, sponsored by Brotherhood and Evangelism departments. In photo at extreme left the two instrumentalists go over a number, (at left), Mrs. Hubert Pray and Mrs. Gary Smith, both of Jackson. In second photo Rev.

E. L. Howell, Brotherhood director, presides over opening session. In third picture, Mrs. Charlotte Odom of Jackson, brings message in song. In fourth photo, Dr. Larry Rohrman, host pastor, welcomes group. In fifth photo Dr. Russell Newport, of Springfield, Mo., leads group in singing. In picture at

extreme right Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of evangelism, welcomes several early arrivals, (from left), Mr. Collum; Mr. Talmage Ginn, Liberty; Mrs. Ginn; Sam Sorrell, Houston, Texas, principal speaker, and Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, who led evangelistic Bible study at one session.

Mississippi Baptists Now Number 557,742 Pay Expenses To Get Lay Involvement, SBC Urged

RETIRED BAPTIST MINISTER GIVES \$20,000 TO N. C. BAPTIST HOME

SPRUCE PINE, N. C. (BP)—A retired Baptist minister who now makes grandfather clocks has given \$20,000 to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina as a result of a frugal savings program that began during the depression.

Somehow, back during the depression, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stroup found enough money to purchase a U.S. Savings Bond. They continued the practice for many years, making possible the \$20,000 gift in accumulated bonds for the Broyhill Home campus of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes.

"God has been gracious to us through the years," Stroup said. "We serve smaller rural and semi-rural churches, and they never paid too well. Yet, we managed to save quite a bit over the years."

"We always seemed to be able to buy another bond," Mrs. Stroup added.

Seminary Extension Sets New Expansion Program

NASHVILLE (BP)—The administrative committee of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention has approved an ambitious plan for expansion, and authorized a 27.5 per cent increase in the department's budget to finance the program.

Two major goals were outlined by Seminary Extension Director Raymond Rigdon as part of the expansion program.

The department will seek to establish and maintain a minimum of 500 extension centers across the country, with 10,000 students enrolled annually.

A second major goal is to increase the number of students enrolled in correspondence study to a minimum of 5,000 each year.

In announcing the goals, Rigdon also reported that 1972 enrollments in courses offered by the department were the second highest in the department's history.

Last year there were 6,998 individual enrollments in 215 extension centers and in the Seminary Extension Home Study Institute. The record year was in 1968-69 when 7,376 were enrolled, but that figure was slightly inflated with 664 enrollments in a popular - type half - unit course developed and promoted in cooperation with the SBC Radio - Television Commission, Rigdon pointed out.

"We have entered a period in history when continuing education no longer is an optional pastime for a few academically - oriented ministers," Rigdon said concerning the expansion program. "It must become a way of life for any minister who effectively guides his people in the Way of Life."

"Seminary Extension, on behalf of the six seminaries, is happy to offer learning opportunities for any Southern Baptist minister regardless of the limitations or the extent of his previous formal training," Rigdon said.

Rigdon added that the plan for expansion approved by the department's administrative committee is designed "to meet one of the most crucial needs in Southern Baptist life today - the need for each minister to have within commuting distance of his home attractive opportunities for

continuing his education for ministry."

Part of the plan for expansion calls for an intensive informational and educational program designed to cultivate a concept of the ministry in which continuing education is accepted as essential to the fulfillment of the calling of SBC ministers.

In an effort to develop more extension centers, boosting the number of such continuing educational centers from the current 215 to more than 500, Rigdon and his staff proposed multiple patterns designed to best meet needs and resources of particular Baptist associations.

The new patterns include circuit centers in which one teacher commutes to several locations to conduct classes; existing centers adding a seminary course taught by a seminary professor to existing courses; and center offering a diversified range of education programs and services including short - term conferences and retreats, seminars, a circulating library, guided independent study, and counseling and referral services.

Plans were also outlined to enlist black and Spanish - speaking pastors in training programs "relevant to her personal needs and ethnic characteristics."

The expansion program would also seek to involve in a guided program of personal study untrained pastors who are unable because of their location

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The membership of the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention now totals 557,742, a gain of 13,042 over the previous year, to official figures just released.

The new statistics are for 1972, in comparison with 1971, and were released by the Research Services Department, Church Services and Materials Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The complete summary reveals both gains and losses, as follows:

The number of churches for 1972 totals 1885, a decrease of two under the 1971 figure of 1887.

The number of baptisms in 1972 was 19,178, a gain of 870 over the 1971 total of 18,308.

Additions to the churches by transfer of letter in 1972 totaled 25,796, an increase of 2,154 over the 1971 figure of 23,642.

Sunday School enrollment for 1972 stood at 311,475, an increase of 26 over the 308,852 enrolled in 1971. Church music enrollment in 1972 totaled 65,182, an increase of 3798 over the 61,384 enrolled in 1971.

Losses were shown in the following four organizations in 1972 under 1971:

Vacation Bible School - 1972, 133,560; 1971, 147,830; loss 14,270.

Training Union - 1972, 124,632; 1971, 126,435; loss 1803.

WMU - 1972, 47,554; 1971, 48,675; loss 1121.

Brotherhood - 1972, 19,786; 1971, 20,122; loss 336.

The value of church property in 1972 totaled \$199,885,942, an increase of \$10,218,147 over the 1971 figure of \$189,667,795.

Total receives in 1972 were \$50,596,007, an increase of \$5,097,298 over the \$45,498,709 given in 1971.

Total mission expenditures in 1972 were \$7,857,271, an increase of \$482,446 over the \$7,364,825 in 1971.

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1,000 Laymen Attend Missions Prayer Breakfast In Atlanta

ATLANTA (BP)—In the first prayer breakfast of its kind, Baptist speakers, including Georgia's Governor Jimmy Carter challenged more than 1,000 Southern Baptist laymen and their pastors to make use of "potential power" for missions in the homeland.

Carter was the official host for the breakfast sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, the Home Mission Board and Georgia Baptist State Convention Brotherhood Department.

"I hope this prayer breakfast will be mirrored one hundred times over all the nation, Carter said. "This is a meeting of laymen primarily. It's purpose today is to describe what we

can do in our own quiet, fulfilling, sometimes failing way for Christ."

The one thing that binds all men together is Jesus Christ, Carter said. "In laymen we have a tremendous reservoir of power; our purpose is to tap that reservoir for Christ."

Brotherhood Commission Executive Secretary Glendon McCullough pledged to Home Mission Board Executive Secretary - Treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge that laymen want to be involved in every possible point to undergird what the state conventions, associations, and local churches are trying to do.

Bob Tremaine, SBC home missionary in Worcester, Mass., illustrated laity potential by telling of two lay-

men from Georgia who began a mission in Worcester.

In the Northeast, he ministers in a spiritual vacuum, Tremaine said, "but where ever there's a need, God has a promise and whenever we claim God's promise he will meet the need."

"God had to change me," Tremaine said. "I had to stop worrying about getting people to come to my church and I had to find ways to get my church to go to the people, to minister with the people."

Tremaine said his church gained entrance to many high rise apartment buildings, seemingly unapproachable before, through the "service entrance."

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Faith And Prayer Have Encouraged Prisoners Of War

SUBIC BAY NAVAL AIR STATION, THE PHILIPPINES (ABNS)—Al-

most all of the returning American prisoners of war are testifying to the power of prayer and faith in the prison camps, according to an American Baptist Navy chaplain stationed here.

"The key to their survival and to their mental and emotional health was a deep abiding and growing relationship with God," said Chaplain (LCDR) Alex B. Aronis, an American Baptist involved in the ministry

to returning POW's here, in a letter to Chaplain Charles F. Willis, Director of American Baptist Chaplaincy Services, Valley Forge, Pa.

"The story of the religious experiences of these men is inspiring beyond words," Chaplain Aronis wrote. "During the most difficult, the most painful, the darkest hours, God sustained them and enabled them to get through."

One returning POW told Chaplain Aronis, "Without God, I would not have been able to survive."

"In other words," Aronis replied, "God really helped you."

"No," the returnee said, "not merely helped. I mean it when I say I could not have made it without God pulling me through."

The former POW's told Chaplain Aronis of worship services, choirs, and scripture studies which occurred

in most of the prisoner of war camps.

The favorite hymns of the prisoners has been, "In the Garden," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and, "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

The 23rd Psalm, beginning, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," was cited by the POW's as their major means of Scriptural support. "Everyone should know the 23rd Psalm," one returnee told Aronis. Also memorized and shared among the men were the Beatitudes, Romans 12, and I Corinthians 13. The men reconstructed whole sections of Scripture out of their memory due to the unavailability of Bibles.

Their by-word, Aronis said, was "God Bless You." The greeting was addressed freely to one another, even to those who professed to be agnostics or atheists.

"You know," one POW said after his release here, "now that we are back we'll have to remember Philip- plans 4:13 all over again, and instead of, 'I can do all things,' it should be, 'We can do all things, through Christ, who strengthens us.'"

When the returning POW's sat down for their first meal at the Subic Bay Naval Air Station here, a Navy dietitian noted that she had never seen so many people bow their heads to say a table grace.

"The religious experience was so significant and so beneficial for some," Chaplain Aronis wrote, "that two that I know of said they were glad they had the prison experience

because of what they learned in terms of life, values, and priorities."

One POW went so far as to tell Aronis that everyone would benefit from one or two years in a POW camp. "However," Aronis pointed out, "He didn't feel it was particularly beneficial after the second year."

Most of the returnees were in good physical condition, in many cases because of a rigorous calisthenics

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First Piles Are Driven For New Baptist Hospital

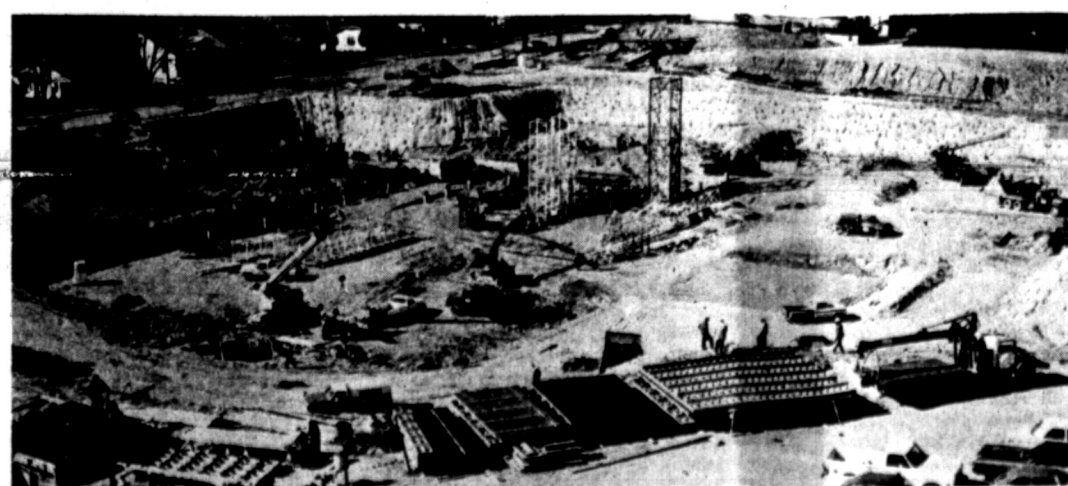
First piles for the new Mississippi Baptist Hospital were driven in February during the second month of the 36 month construction project, hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor said today.

In all, over 600 piles will be driven some 30 or 40 feet into the ground at the construction site, and the foundation beams will then be set atop these piles.

The excavation work, which dominated the first month of construction from the day of the groundbreaking in mid - December to mid-January, has just about been completed, Pryor said.

Workmen continued to lose working days in January and February as a result of rains, said Pryor, but the construction schedule allows for such lost days, and the work is on schedule at this time.

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With the driving of piles already started, construction progress is seen in photo taken several days ago, at

the new State Baptist Hospital, referred to as "the biggest hole ever dug in the city."

Vietcong Took Over Baptist Chapel After Cease-Fire

NASHVILLE (RNS)—Southern Baptist missionaries in one region of Vietnam have reported that while the cease - fire has stabilized security in most areas where they work - at least one Baptist chapel has been taken over by the Vietcong.

Vietcong soliders surrounded a chapel near Bien Hoa during a service of thanksgiving for the cease - fire, and ordered the South Vietnamese flag lowered and the Vietcong flag raised, according to reports received here by Baptist Press.

"We are the new peace team for this area," the Vietcong reportedly

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Mississippians Heads Steering Committee

Dissident Southern Presbyterians Plan New Denomination This Year

ATLANTA (RNS) — Dissident Southern Presbyterians have announced plans to form a new denomination by the end of 1973.

In a statement issued at the meeting of the Steering Committee for a "Continuing Presbyterian Church" here, its leaders said they will give assistance to congregations and presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) "who feel they must leave the Church immediately."

The action was announced at the close of the Steering Committee's two-day meeting, attended by 70 conservative leaders. Only a few days before, 20 Southern Presbyterian congregations were dismissed from the denomination at their request and formed a Warrior Presbytery.

According to the Rev. Donald B. Patterson of Jackson, Miss., chairman of the Steering Committee, the decision to act in 1973 "was made necessary because the door has been closed to realignment through a plan of union that would have permitted churches to withdraw."

He was referring to a recent meeting in Dallas of the Joint Committee on Union of the United Presbyterian Church and the PCUS, which voted to publish a revised plan for union by 1974.

A proposed "escape clause" that would allow congregations to elect not to enter union and to retain possession of their property, was defeated. There is a possibility that such a provision may be incorporated into the revised union plan, but at the present time it is not included.

Mr. Patterson reported that the 12-man Steering Committee, which is composed of members of Concerned Presbyterians, Presbyterian Churchmen United, Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship, and the Presbyterian Journal, voted unanimously to proceed toward organizing a "Continuing Church" before the revised union plan is issued.

Another vote on the plan to form a new denomination was taken by members of the four executive committees that sponsor the Steering Committee.

No negative votes were recorded but the Rev. Robert O. Strong of Montgomery, Ala., a member of the Presbyterian Journal board, said he abstained because he felt that such an action "exceeded the authority as given by the Presbyterian Journal."

Mr. Strong said that he would not leave the Southern Presbyterian Church unless it adopts a confession of faith he cannot support or unites with the United Presbyterian Church. A new confession of faith for the denomination is now being prepared, with a tentative draft scheduled for presentation to the denomination's 1974 General Assembly.

Mr. Patterson said the Steering Committee hopes eventually to form a national denomination, although it is not yet extending an invitation to Presbyterian congregations outside the PCUS. He commented, however, that the "Continuing Church" movement has a "definite" connection with the National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship. That group is composed of conservative members of eight Presbyterian and Reformed denominations.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell of Montreat, N. C., Moderator of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, expressed regret at the Steering Committee's action, saying that "it seems premature for a number of reasons and can jeopardize the conservative wing of the church, which has been a source of fragmentation and discord."

He asserted that although "there may be individuals within the Church who may not hold to her confessional standards, and while there have been

General Assemblies which have taken actions felt by some to be out of accord with those standards, the fact remains that the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. is no apostate, nor can it be until its present constitution is repudiated. This she has not done."

"It is my observation," Dr. Bell said, "that many who consider themselves 'moderate liberals' are as concerned over the welfare of the Church as some of us who are conservatives. And the time has come when we should unite in every way possible to reassure that great host of Christians within the Church that we have rededicated our efforts to those things which make the witness of the Church effective in a turbulent world."

Prayer, Faith - - -

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routine. One POW had performed a record of 600 push-ups, and several had accomplished over a thousand sit-ups.

"The cleanliness of the hospital here impressed most of the POW's," Aronis said. "One grabbed the toothpaste made available to him and kept brushing his teeth until the tube was squeezed out. His escort asked me where he could find more toothpaste." One of the returnees told Aronis that he had eaten three steaks and six eggs at his first meal.

Thankfulness Expressed

The prison experience made the men "so thankful to God that the thankfulness expressed itself in a spirit of courtesy, graciousness, and thoughtfulness," Aronis said. "I was tickled by the way one man spoke of God's presence: 'The moment my feet touched down on North Vietnamese soil, God was standing next to me. He was three buildings tall, and the tip of his shoes came to my forehead and he said to me, 'I'm going to be with you and I'm going to take care of you.'"

"The stories just kept coming," Aronis wrote, "not because I was pumping but because they just had to be told. It was the kind of spontaneous sharing of Good News that is apparent in the New Testament."

Chaplain Aronis is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He was commissioned as an ensign in 1955, and resigned his commission in 1956 in order to enter Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. He returned to active duty in the Navy as a chaplain in 1964.

Chaplain Aronis and his wife, Carol, have two daughters, Christine and Dawn, and a son, Steve. He holds a Ph.D. degree from American University, and has been stationed here at Subic Bay since 1971.

Pay Expenses - - -

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attend the convention, four major suggestions were most often proposed: the local church should pay their expenses (14.5 per cent); the local church should stress attendance at the convention (13.3 per cent); laymen should be made to feel they are needed there (9.2 per cent); and provide better scheduling or meet on weekends (9.2 per cent).

Other findings of the survey disclosed that 57.8 per cent felt the annual convention is "very important," that about 53 per cent followed closely actions of the convention as reported in news media and Baptist state papers, that more than half knew the names of the presidents and past presidents of the SBC and the meeting place for the 1973 convention in Portland, Ore., and that 61.3 per cent read their Baptist state paper "quite regularly."

About two-thirds of those surveyed were men, and respondents were fairly evenly divided in age, with about 30 per cent between ages 40-49 and 20 per cent each in other ten-year age brackets between 30 and up.

The survey was conducted at the request of the SBC Executive Committee by the research services department of the SBC Sunday School Board here.

First Piles Are - - -

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Two huge tower cranes have made their appearance at the construction site — one for the northern half and one for the southern half — for hoisting construction materials, said Pryor.

"As the building goes up, these cranes will go up with it — floor by floor," said Pryor. "When the building is completed, the cranes will be dismantled and brought back to earth again—some time around Christmas of 1975."

Pryor said that the new hospital is "about two percent complete as of late February."

The construction site had been used for years as parking space for hospital visitors and hospital employees alike, so visitors are having more difficulty finding parking space on the street

id." He charged that the "Continuing Church" movement "is calculated to bring yet further disruption and fragmentation at a time when healing and reconciling ministry is so desperately needed."

Dr. Bell was a founder of the Presbyterian Journal, but broke with its editorial board and other conservative groups in the PCUS when they first announced plans to form a "new church" in 1971.

A new presbytery, composed of 20 breakaway congregations, was organized in Linden, Ala., when the churches were permitted by Tuscaloosa Presbytery, to withdraw with their property.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Woman's Missionary Union Convention

Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, Mar. 27-28
Theme, "To God Be The Glory"

Tuesday, March 27

9:30 Call to Worship — "To God Be The Glory"
Hymn — "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" Page 9
"God Glorified Through You" — Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis
Prayer Vernon May
Business
Call to Prayer Antonina Canzoneri
Jerry St. John
Mrs. Charles Whitten

God Glorified in Missions in Spain
Special Guests — Retired Missionaries and Mothers of Missionaries
Announcements
Hymn — "Heralds of Christ" Page 452
Offering
Introduction of Speaker
God Glorified in Spain
Benediction Charles Whitten
Senor Jose Borras
Mrs. Jerry Malone

1:45 Call to Worship — "To God Be The Glory"
Hymn — "Revealing Word, Thy Light Portrays" Page 177
"God Glorified Through Bible Study" — Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis
Prayer Waudine Storey
God Glorified Through Woman's Missionary Union June Whitlow
Hymn — "The Master Hath Come" Page 427
God Glorified Through Home Missions in Mississippi Mrs. Jerry St. John
Mrs. Dolton Haggan
Clarke College Girls' Ensemble

God Glorified Through Song
Hymn — "O Zion, Haste" Page 451
God Glorified Around the World Owen Cooper
Benediction Mrs. Jerry Malone

7 p.m. Call to Worship — "To God Be The Glory"
Hymn — "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Page 344
"God Glorified Through Prayer" — Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis

Prayer
God Glorified Through Song Clarke College Girls' Ensemble
Hymn — "Love is the Theme" Page 293
Offering
God Glorified Through Missions in Mississippi
Panel:

Rev. and Mrs. John Smith
Mrs. Bob Holifield
Mrs. Tom Barron
Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Kolb
Marjean Patterson, moderator
Benediction Mrs. Jerry Malone

Wednesday, March 28

9:30 Call to Worship — "To God Be The Glory"
Hymn — "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Page 132
"God Glorified Through Going and Giving" — Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis
Call to Prayer James Foster
Dolton Haggan
June Whitlow

God Glorified Through Woman's Missionary Union
Business Mrs. James Foster
God Glorified Through the Missionary Homemaker Mrs. Ralph Davis
Hymn — "Ye Christian Heralds" Page 459
Offering
God Glorified Through Home Missions Tommy Starks
Benediction Mrs. Jerry Malone

1:30 Call to Worship — "To God Be The Glory"
Hymn — "We've a Story to Tell" Page 455
"God Glorified Through Challenge" — Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis
Prayer Frances Shaw
Courtesy Committee Report

God Glorified in Evangelism Senor Jose Borras
Hymn — "Christ for the World We Sing" Page 458
God Glorified Through the Family on the Mission Field
Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Stamps
Rev. and Mrs. Art Comper
Mrs. Jerry Malone

3:00 Benediction

Conference Of Laymen From National, Mississippi Convention Churches Set

A regional joint conference of laymen from churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and several National Baptist conventions in the state will be held at the University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg Saturday, March 17 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45



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The conference, one of a series of several being held over the state will be sponsored by the Department of Work With National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Richard Brogan, department director, will preside.

The principal speaker will be Dr. and on parking lots in the vicinity.

A new parking lot for hospital employees is being constructed just off North Jefferson street, said Pryor. The lot will be able to accommodate 262 automobiles. The hospital employs approximately 1100 people, but not all employees work the same hours. Pryor said the new employee parking lot will be finished in late March or early April. It is being built by Bryan Construction Company, of Jackson.

Memphis Conference Registration At 1,600

Registration for the 1973 Mid-America Bible Conference, scheduled for Bellevue Church, Memphis, March 26-29, has reached 1,600.

This includes about 50 churches in associations surrounding Memphis that chose to pay one fee to register the entire church. It is the highest number of pre-registrations for any Bible conference sponsored by the Sunday School Board except the Dallas conference in 1971.

Registration will continue until the conference begins or registration reaches 4,000, the maximum allowed due to space limitations.

Principal speakers will be Jack R. Taylor, pastor of the Castle Hills Church, San Antonio; Ray F. Robbins, professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Seminary; and James B. Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Church, Nashville.

Seminary Extension Sets New Expansion Program

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tions or work responsibilities to enroll in an extension Center, plus another program designed to encourage ministers who have not completed seminary training to consider seriously the feasibility of taking another step in their formal education.

In annual statistical report to the administrative Committee, Rigdon disclosed a total of 1,044 courses enrollments in the department's Home Study Institute (corresponding school), plus 679 enrollments in the "basic curriculum" and 5,185 enrollments in the college level curriculum offered by the 215 extension centers.

The 6,998 total enrollments represent students in 42 states and seven foreign countries, the report indicated.

Grady C. Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and chairman of the department's administrative committee, told the SBC Executive Committee recently of the proposed expansion program, and announced the budget increase approved by the committee to implement the program. The department's budget would increase from \$90,000 to \$115,402, a hike of 27.7 per cent.

'Future Of The Family' To Be Focus Of Seminar

NASHVILLE — "A Future for the Family" is the topic of the 1973 national seminar sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The seminar will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the White House Inn, March 19-21.

Harvey Cox, professor of divinity at Harvard University, Howard J. Clinebell, professor of pastoral counseling at Claremont (California) School of Theology, David R. Mace, Wake Forest University, North Carolina, and Wayne Oates, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, are featured speakers for the conference.

"Christians should be deeply concerned about the plight of the American family today," Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the commission, said.

Other conference leaders include Randall Lolley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; William Lawson, pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston.

BAGUIO, Philippines — Two 13-year old Filipino boys were killed and two others injured as a World War II Japanese bomb exploded less than 300 yards from the campus of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary here. The four boys discovered two bombs in a creek and were carrying one after heating it over a small fire. The bomb exploded, sending shrapnel skyward. One 20-inch fragment rocketed from the hillside and penetrated a window and thick plywood door of the seminary chapel before crashing against the far wall of the vestibule. Fortunately, said Todd C. Hamilton, acting president of the seminary, the freak accident occurred on a Saturday afternoon when no classes were being held. Music classes are conducted in chapel each weekday afternoon.

1,000 Laymen At Breakfast

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"When we began asking people for the privilege of serving them in the name of Jesus Christ, we had to say stop, we can't do anymore," he said.

Court Shepard, language missionary in San Diego, Calif., said a California layman who had enough interest in a doctor from India to teach the man how to drive a car is largely responsible for the doctor's spiritual conversion and now serving on the biology faculty of a Baptist college.

Shepard, who works with some 500 ethnic groups in the city, said a woman has become an "international" missionary after Shepard and a Baptist woman visited her and offered to teach her English. After learning English, the woman traveling with her missionary husband, has worked with other Japanese and English groups in Guam and West Germany.

Governor Carter related instances on lay involvement in the Northeast and in his own state.

"In my home community, Sumter County, an area afflicted for the last 25 years with racial disturbance, I have seen conservative, white Baptist laymen during a community rally, kneeling with arms around a black child who has just accepted Christ. The churches in my community did not and still do not permit a black person to enter.

"During a one week period, because some laymen had courage, we have 566 people make professions of faith."

Arthur B. Rutledge said the more than 1,000 men participating in the prayer breakfast was "an inspiring sight that shows laymen want to do more than to receive an offering or usher."

The Convention President Speaks

There is a common denominator among us all. That is the need of prayer. I, personally, think one of the greatest things — if not the greatest — we can do for each other is pray. We pastors need to hold each other to God's throne of grace. Laymen need to do the same for each other. Then pastors should pray for laymen and laymen for pastors.

This is a year of emphasis on evangelism. This is the time of year when many churches are engaged in revivals. Certainly then we ought to pray for each other in these endeavors. When you read or hear about a sister church being engaged in revival, make it your business to pray for the church, the pastor, the evangelist, musician, and above all, the lost.

It is a real concern of mine that we become one in this matter of reaching people for Christ. I think we can do a better job at it if we will avail ourselves of materials which make us better evangelists. I believe you who work in the field of education, stand in key positions to make a church truly evangelistic. Help your workers see that the field is white unto harvest and encourage them to become laborers.

I can truly say it is my prayer and desire that this, our state, experience genuine revival. I hope we can win more people this year than ever before. The people are out there. We have the message. Jesus wants to save them. Let's join forces in reaching them and support each other in such an effort. — David Grant.

Nelson And Sellers Attending Meets In Dallas This Week

A. L. Nelson, comptroller — business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Wm. H. Sellers, director of circulation and advertising of the Baptist Record and supervisor of data processing for the Board, are attending two meetings in Dallas, Tex. March 7-9.

The second annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association was held March 7 at the office of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

The 11th annual Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers is being held March 7-9 at the Annuity Board and the Downtown Holiday Inn. Mr. Nelson will speak to the latter group on the subject of "Working Computer Programs, General Ledger and Payroll Inventory Control for State Conventions."

Mr. Sellers is secretary — treasurer of the Computer Users Association and is chairman for SBC Agencies, Boards, Commissions, State Papers and Foundations for the Business Officers Association.

Important Information For Ministers Of Music

Applications are now being received for the Youth Vocal and Orchestral Retreat at Mississippi College, April 6-8. "If you have some senior high people who are interested in participating in the choral division, PLEASE write a letter of recommendation for this young person and send it to Church Music Dept., P. O. Box 530, Jackson," requests Dan C. Hall, director of the department. Though previously announced that instrumentalists would be accepted by audition only, this has been changed. Any senior high youth in your church who have had at least two years of band may be eligible upon recommendation by minister of music or band director, giving instrument played.

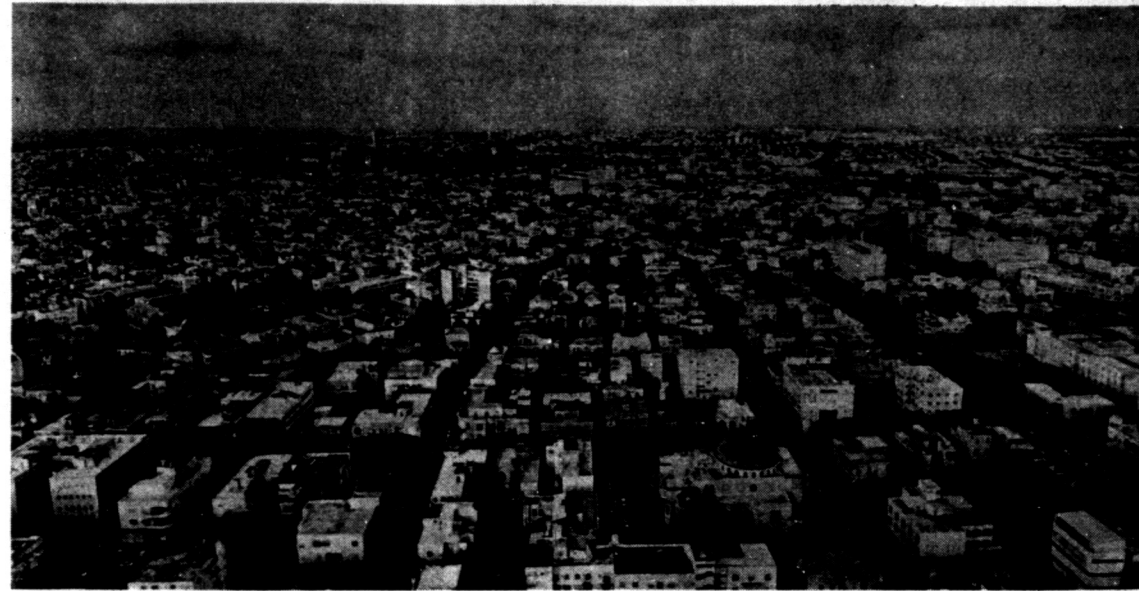
Glenn Triplett, band director, Mississippi College, will hold auditions in different parts of the state for persons to try out for a scholarship for this Retreat.

ACT NOW!

Is Prophecy Being Fulfilled In Palestine?



The modern city of Tel Aviv was a sand dune area in 1909 when this picture was taken.



Today Tel Aviv is one of the great cities of the Middle East, with a population of more than a million.

An Editorial Report

Is Bible prophecy being fulfilled in Palestine today? Are the things happening to and being done by the nation of Israel a fulfillment of the prophecies spoken long ago by Old Testament prophets, and by our Lord and others in the New Testament?

Many Bible scholars say yes, and are confirmed in their belief that what now is happening is related to the Bible prophetic picture.

Other scholars say no, and contend that present events have no relationship to the Biblical revelation.

Which is correct? One would be foolish to be dogmatic in defending either position, for only the final return of our Lord will bring complete human understanding of history and its meaning as related to the Holy Word.

Nevertheless, as one examines the Bible and studies what it predicts, and then carefully considers what has happened and is happening in Israel today, he may be amazed and sometimes, perhaps, startled, as the two seem to fit together. Is this a mere coincidence, or are we actually seeing the fulfillment of prophecy? Each student will have to decide for himself, but he should make his study with an open mind, and without preconceived conclusions. When he does he may be amazed at what he finds.

My own conclusion is that we may well be seeing Bible prophecy fulfilled right now, and if so, then we are seeing signs that the Second Coming of Christ may be approaching. Certainly, the Bible says that no one can know the actual time of the return of our Lord, but many signs of that return are given, and the return of Israel to Palestine is one of them.

Let us consider some of the prophecies concerning Israel and the land, and then look at what appears to be a fulfillment today.

Scattering

1. Moses and other prophets foretold that the people of Israel would be "plucked from the land" of Palestine and scattered to the ends of the earth, and that in the lands where they were scattered they would suffer trouble and sorrow (Deut. 28:63-67; Jeremiah 9:16; Hosea 9:17; Amos 9:9, and many more passages).

Any person familiar with the history of Israel knows that these prophecies have been literally fulfilled. The nation did live in the land for a time, but then was scattered, first in the dispersions revealed in the Bible and then in a final destruction and dispersion which occurred only about 40 years after our Lord was on the earth, in the year 70 A.D. when Rome destroyed Jerusalem. Since that time there have been other scatterings as groups of the people returned to what they considered was their homeland. Moreover, wherever they have been, with few exceptions, the Jews have undergone terrible persecutions, and great suffering, exactly as Moses predicted even before they had entered the land.

2. Even though the people were scattered, they were to be preserved by the hand of God (Ezekiel 11:16, and other passages).

This passage in Ezekiel is just one verse but many others teach the same truth. It says that in the lands where the people of Israel are scattered, God would be to them "a little sanctuary." In other words, despite suffering, persecution, etc., God will keep them. This is one of the most amazing facts

of history, that despite the scattering, the suffering, and the determination by their enemies to destroy them, the nation has lived on as a distinct people. This has happened to few other ethnic groups, but it certainly has happened to Israel. God has kept them a separate and distinct people.

Return

3. There are many Bible promises that the day would come when the people of Israel would be brought back to their land. Let me list just a few (Deuteronomy 30:3-5, Ezekiel 34:11-14; Ezekiel 36:24-30, 33-38).

Here are clear prophecies that the day is coming when Israel would be brought back to her own land from the countries where she had been scattered. Of course, there also are in the prophecies statements concerning how God will give them a new heart and a new spirit. This has not yet happened, but has God brought them back into the land to get them ready for that? The people who are back in the land today come from many countries around the world. While the majority of them came from areas of Eastern Europe, there have been immigrants from the four corners of the earth.

Nation Again

4. The prophecy is clear that Israel would live again as a nation (Ezekiel 37).

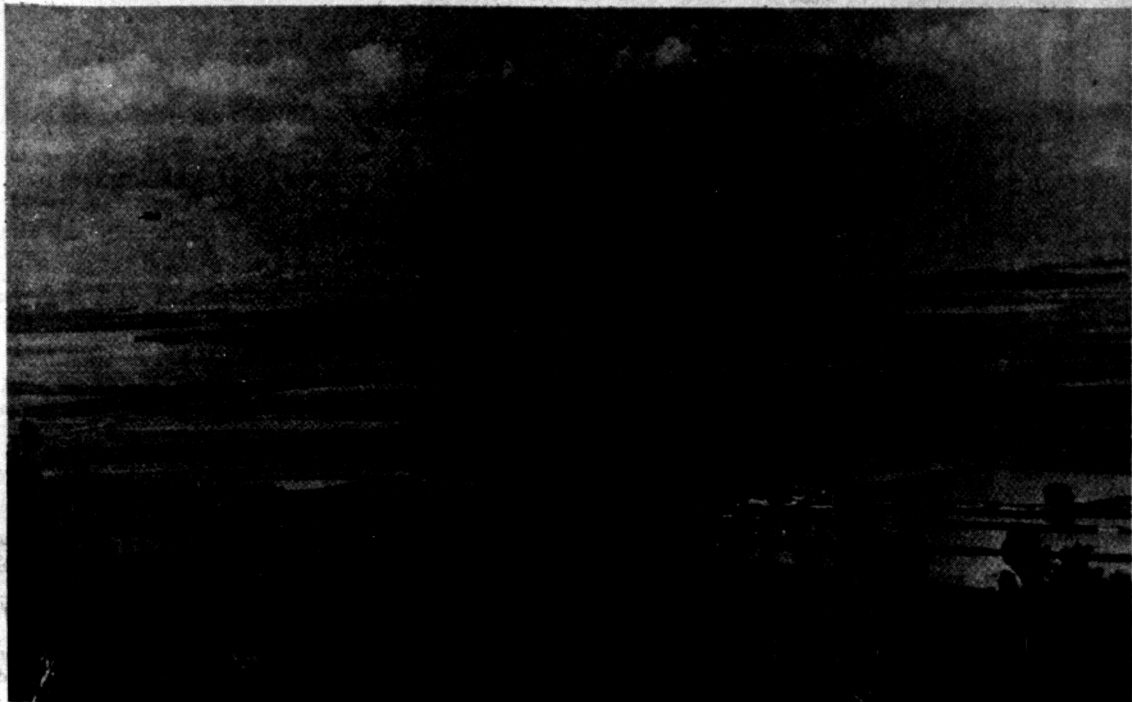
In Ezekiel 37 is found Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones. Verses

11-14 make very clear that this is a vision of Israel the house, which like the bones would be gathered together, and given life. This is a clear promise that Israel is to live again as a nation. Other prophecies reveal the same truth.

Earnest students of the Bible have said for far more than a century that Israel must live again as a nation. Many, including outstanding Bible scholars, were skeptical, but now it has come to pass. For the first time since the destruction of the land by Nebuchadnezzar Israel stands as a recognized nation among the nations of the world. It is true that the people won independence briefly during the period of the Maccabees, but actually Israel was hardly recognized as an independent nation among nations at that time and when Rome completed other conflicts, she turned back and took Israel under her control. In the days of Jesus, Israel was in the land, but was under the hand of Rome. After the destruction in A.D. 70, Israel did not live again, even under the control of others, until she became a nation in 1948. Ezekiel's prophecy of long ago has come to pass. Israel does live.

Jerusalem

5. Jesus spoke of Jerusalem being under control of Gentiles (non-Jews) for a period, but that finally that period would end. This must mean that the day was coming when the



The Upper Jordan valley, above the Sea of Galilee, where swamp land has been drained and transformed into a vast agricultural area. The pools in the fore-

ground are used for the commercial production of fish. Lofty Mt. Hermon lies in the left background, with the Golan Heights area to the right.



Citrus orchards abound, especially in the Plain of Sharon along the Mediterranean Sea, between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

city once more would be in Jewish hands (Luke 21:24).

Without trying to interpret the meaning of the term "times of the Gentiles," let us simply accept the fact that Jesus said that one day that time would end, and the inference is clear that Israel would control the city once again. From the day Jesus spoke those words until June 1967, Israel did not control the city for one day. When Israel declared herself a nation in 1948, this prophecy was not fulfilled. On the day of that declaration, the city was surrounded by surrounding Arab nations, and old Jerusalem was seized by Jordan. Jews were not allowed to enter the city. One of the first things that happened in the Six-Day war, was securing the city for Israel. Jesus spoke of the day of the end of Gentile rule. It has ended, for the city is in Israel's hands today.

Rebuilding

6. The prophets foretold the rebuilding of the cities, and of the cultivation of the land (Isaiah 35:1; Ezekiel 36:33-36; numerous others).

One has only to visit Israel today to see how the many remarkable prophecies concerning the rebuilding of the land are being fulfilled. He sees the great cities which have risen such as Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, etc. He sees the vast agricultural developments in the valley of Jezreel and the Plain of Esdralon; the upper and lower Jordan valleys, above and below the Sea of Galilee; the Plain of Sharon along the sea coast; and the vast new developments in the Negev in the Southern part of the land. He views the beautiful orchards, the drained swamps which have become productive farm lands, and the irrigated desert areas, where desert is giving way to the green fields brought by the waters. [He sees the reforestation of the barren hills are being recovered with trees, and he sees what has been done in clearing rocks from so much of the rocky soil so that plows can penetrate them, and the irrigation waters can be directed through. Looking at all of this he marvels at what has been wrought by these determined people who came back with

the purpose of making their land a living, productive area once again. The visitor sees the growing cities, the rising new towns, the developing industry, the busy markets, the sharing in the world trade, and then turns back to his Bible to see that what is happening today is exactly what the prophets foretold long ago. The desert is "blossoming as a rose," and the "waste and ruined cities" are being "rebuilt."

Is this a fulfillment of prophecy? One cannot dogmatically say. He can only say that the Bible that one day it was going to happen, and look to see that for the first time since the prophecies were spoken, it is happening now. Not everything that was prophesied has happened, or is yet happening, but fulfillment has to have a beginning. Could it be that those portions of the prophecies not yet fulfilled, especially the spiritual rebirth of the nation, are yet before us? Actually, is not this latter to happen only in connection with the return of the Lord? Zechariah seems to make clear that that is the day when the spiritual birth of the nation will come, and Paul infers that in his Roman letter.

Second Coming

If we are seeing prophecy fulfilled in Palestine, had we not better study further, for it is evident that these events of the return of Israel to the land, and her once again gaining control of the Jerusalem, are in connection with the events immediately preceding the return of Christ. Consider the words which immediately follow our Lord's words in Luke 21 concerning the Jew regaining control of Jerusalem. In the next two verses Christ mentions other things which will be happening on the earth and then says: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things BEGIN TO COME TO PASS (type emphasis ours), then look up, and lift up your hearts; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:27-28).

The Lord tells us that when these things BEGIN to come to pass then

we are to look up expectantly, for his coming is near.

Are these things beginning to come to pass in Palestine?

Many believe that they are! We are among them.

Correction — In the first article in this series we inadvertently used kilometers rather than miles in giving the size of the Sea of Galilee. The sea actually is about eight miles wide at its widest point and about thirteen miles long.

Vietcong Took — — —

(Continued from page 1)

told the Baptist congregation. "We have come to live with the people. You will stay here and not leave. From now on you obey us."

Missionary James F. Humphries told Baptist Press here that the "peace team" then blew up the bridge behind them to prevent the people from escaping, as it left to claim other areas for the Vietcong.

Despite the threats and orders not to leave, the Christian group made their way over rough terrain to South Vietnamese soldiers on a nearby hillside, Mr. Humphries said. "The chapel was started by Faith church of Gia Dinh near Saigon during time of war," the missionary reported. "The question now in the minds of the people is will it survive the peace."

In Danang, missionary Lewis Myers reported optimism and peace.

"The cease-fire is beginning to take hold in almost every province," he said. "Inspection teams are on the spot now. We will just trust the Lord and wait and see. One thing for sure that we will have two or three months of spreading the gospel to many areas where we have not been before."

Jackson Native Promoted At BSSB

NASHVILLE — Mrs. Nora Y. Wiggins, a native of Jackson and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Younge, 533 Fredrica St., Jackson, has been named acquisitions director for the Dan - Carver Library of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A graduate of Province High School, Jackson, Mrs. Wiggins earned the B. S. degree in English from Delta State College, Cleveland. She also holds the M. A. degree in library science from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

Mrs. Wiggins joined the Sunday School Board in 1971 as a secretary in the central support group office, church services and materials division. Earlier, she taught English for the Sumner County Board of Education, Hendersonville, Tenn.; the Hollandale (Miss.) Consolidated School System; and the Greenville Municipal Schools.

She and her husband, Glynn R. Wiggins, a native of Sidon, have four children.

Greeks and Assyrians penned greetings on scrolls or terracotta. Egyptians scribed hieroglyphic messages in tombs. The New Year card is the oldest, the Romans sketching olives and fruits on theirs. Next, Christmas cards made the scene, Sir Henry Cole of London bringing out the first one in 1843, which stated to the point: A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The oldest Easter card dates back to Milan, Italy in 1550.

Intelligence is like a river, the deeper it is the less noise it makes.

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By Othal Feather

The teacher of a tenth grade boys class was greatly disturbed and felt that he was a total failure in this, his first voluntary church leadership role. His frustration and spirit of defeat became very evident on the occasion of a special pre-revival teachers meeting when he became aware of the fact that two of his class members were unsaved. It was embarrassing for him to admit that he did not know the boys were unsaved. Furthermore, he was frightened at the thought of trying to witness to them.

During the discussion of their revival preparation this teacher stated that he could not even maintain an attitude of reverence among the boys in his class and he felt he was not accomplishing anything as a teacher. Some of the members of the youth department encouraged him to enlist the help of one of his choice class members who was a fine Christian lad. The teacher rather reluctantly replied that his so called "choice" class member was the chief source of most of his discipline problems and he seriously questioned how his problem boy could suddenly become an effective witness. Nevertheless, he agreed to try this approach.

The next day the teacher contacted his problem class member and asked for his help in

winning the two unsaved boys. The problem boy was likewise shocked, admitting he did not know these two class members were unsaved. The young man apologized to the teacher for his previous misconduct of innocent fun during the Sunday School hour.

After leaving his teacher he became more and more conscience-stricken. He could not rest until he went to each of his two unsaved Sunday School classmates. In each case he first apologized for disturbing the Sunday School class sessions, indicating he was not aware of the fact that they were not Christians. Then in a rather fumbling fashion he shared the testimony of his own conversion experience and expressed his prayerful concern for their salvation.

The following Sunday morning he was standing by this Sunday School teacher as the pastor extended the invitation at the close of the service. Both of his unsaved boys came forward making a profession of faith. The teacher remarked to me, "My former problem class member is a better witness than his teacher."

A genuine approach of apology by the right person for his neglect, lack of concern or misconduct may open the way for effective witnessing. This technique may require proper referral to the right person in some cases.

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EDITORIAL

Speaking With Tongues

There was trouble in the Corinthian church.

Actually this was a church which had numerous problems, and a number of situations which created trouble.

Paul dealt with the disturbing issues in his letters to the church, and his answers have been most fitting for churches through the ages, for similar situations have continued to arise.

One of those problems dealt with by Paul is creating divisions in some of our modern churches, and even in a few Baptist churches. That is Glos-salalia or Speaking with Tongues. A related matter also creating disturbance is what is called "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." We desire to discuss both of these editorially. First, we shall consider speaking with tongues. The "Baptism" discussion will appear later.

Speaking with tongues is mentioned as occurring at three places in the book of Acts, and in one church mentioned in the epistles. The occasions in Acts are at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11); in Caesarea (Acts 10:44-46) and in Ephesus (Acts 19:1-6). At Pentecost it is evident that the language spoken was not an "unknown tongue," since it is said that they were the native languages of the hearing people. Peter speaks of the experience at Caesarea as "the like gift" (Acts 11:17) so it seems evident that languages also were spoken there. The Scripture does not clearly state whether the speaking at Ephesus was "languages" but it well may have been that these men were from different backgrounds or origins and simply were speaking praises to God under the leadership of the Spirit in their own tongues. We certainly do not desire to explain away a miracle, for we accept it as being one, but it well may have been "tongues" similar to those at Pentecost and Caesarea.

There is only one other church in the New Testament when "speaking with tongues" is mentioned as occurring, and that is at Corinth. This is discussed by Paul in I Corinthians, chapters 12-14, with the special emphasis being centered in chapter 14. Paul speaks of the tongues in this church as "divers kinds of tongues" (12:10) and it is possible that what was happening at Corinth may have been quite different from the speaking in other languages at Pentecost. On that occasion people understood the languages and no interpreter was needed. Here at Corinth the "tongues" were not understood, and evidently an interpreter was needed (14:2,14,27,28). There are some scholars who believe, however, that the Corinthian "tongues" were languages too. The Greek word is the same.

Nowhere else in the Bible is there mention of a phenomenon like that at Corinth. Only here in the Corinthian letter (12:8-10,30) is "speaking with tongues" included in the Charismatic (gifts of the Spirit) lists. It is not found in Rom. 12:6-8 or in Ephesians 4:11, both of which list such gifts. With the exception of this passage the gift of tongues never is mentioned in the epistles of Paul. Thus the only church where the "gift" of tongues appeared was the one which Paul spoke of as being "carnal" and as "babes in Christ." It seems clear that tongues was not a sign of Christian maturity since this church must have been the least mature of all the New Testament churches. Tongues are not even mentioned in relation to any other church.

A Problem

Paul dealt with the issue of tongues as a problem which was creating difficulty in the Corinth church, and he answers that problem. Notice some of the things which he said.

1. First, he acknowledged that a phenomenon which he speaks of as "tongue" or "tongues" existed in the church. As we already have said, many believe that these actually were languages.

2. Paul does not urge the Corinthians to seek to be able to speak with tongues, but rather lists restrictions concerning such speaking.

3. He says that tongues shall cease. (13:8). Evidently this came to pass exactly as he said, for we hear nothing about tongues in church history

after the first century, until the present one.

4. While he says, evidently in the light of the idea that they seemed to think that speaking with tongues was a sign of spiritual power, that he wished all of them spoke with tongues, yet, he wished "more" that they could prophesy (14:5).

5. Paul says that he himself speaks with tongues more than any of them, but there is no record of his ever using this gift (18). Of course, some ask if he did not mean languages.

6. He says that he had rather speak FIVE words "with understanding" than TEN THOUSAND in an "unknown tongue" (14:19). This statement is all that is needed to make it very clear that Paul was not approving of the use of such a gift in the church.

7. Paul says that prophesying will be far more effective as witness to unbelievers than speaking in tongues (14:23-25).

8. Paul says that tongues are a fulfillment of a prophecy in the Law and that they are therefore a sign unto the unbelieving Jews (14:21-22, quoting Isaiah 28:11-12). Peter said it also was fulfillment of prophecy by Joel (Acts 2:16). Thus the speaking in "languages" on Pentecost was a proof to the Jews in Jerusalem that this spiritual outpouring upon the church was of God. That the Gentiles were included is evidenced at Caesarea. That the disciples of John who accepted Christ as Saviour also were included was evidenced at Ephesus. Here was an indisputable sign to the Jews of the presence of God in the Christian witness.

9. Paul says that if members are going to speak in tongues let only two or three do it, and let one interpret. "But if there be no interpreter, let him (the would be tongue speaker) keep silence in the church (14:26-28).

10. Paul says that women are forbidden to speak in the churches. This evidently is "speaking in tongues" (34:35).

11. Paul says clearly that tongues are not a gift which every Christian will receive from the Spirit. As one reads 12:28-31 he sees that two things are evident. First, not every one received the gift of tongues, just as not everyone received the other gifts. Furthermore, these are not the best gifts, for Paul presents that as love in the 13th chapter, and begins the chapter by showing that tongues is not the best gift. This makes it clear that those who contend that tongues is a sign of more mature spirituality are in error, for the Spirit gives gifts as he chooses, and some may never receive this gift.

12. While it seems clear that the Spirit does give the gift of tongues to some persons, this does not necessarily mean that all "speaking with tongues" is of the Spirit. In his book *Much More*, Dr. Jack Taylor, who is one of Southern Baptists' outstanding leaders in the matter of deepening the spiritual life, quotes Dr. A. B. Simpson as saying, "We believe the Scriptural teaching to be that speaking with tongues is one of the gifts of the Spirit, and that it may be present in the normal Christian assembly as a sovereign bestowal of the Holy Ghost upon such as he wills. We do not believe that all Christians should possess the gift of tongues." Later, Dr. Taylor adds, "There are tongues that are not of the Spirit. Some are psychic and come as the result of suggestions and help. Others are satanic and come as a result of demon invasion. Others are genuine and helpful to the kingdom. No spiritual gift is as open to counterfeit as this one. There cannot be too much caution practiced. The gift of tongues in the congregation is forbidden as a practice unless accompanied by interpretation."

In his new book *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth* Dr. Hal Lindsey says concerning the tongues at Corinth, "I don't believe it was gibberish. I believe it was the same phenomenon as on the day of Pentecost—an actual language. If used in public worship, it needed an interpreter; but not in private prayer. . . . And perhaps no spiritual gift is more susceptible to the Satanic counterfeit and confusion than the gift of tongues. This statement is not

made with any attempt to belittle or downgrade the genuine gift, but rather to caution those who have gone overboard with their experience, and are not carefully relating it to the Scriptures."

These statements make it clear that while we can recognize that the Spirit may give the gift of tongues to some people, it is evident that not all so called "tongues" is of the Lord. We must seek to stay with the Scriptures when we come to considering tongues.

13. Paul says that God is not the author of confusion, evidently hinting that tongues were causing confusion in the church (14:33).

14. Paul finally says that spiritually minded men must acknowledge that what he has said is of God (12:37).

SOME CONCLUSIONS

1. Let us acknowledge that there is a gift of the Spirit called "tongues," and that the Holy Spirit evidently does bestow this gift to some persons. However, it is only one of several gifts of the Spirit, and is one of the least important of all. Moreover, it appears to have been given to few people.

2. Individuals who have experienced what appears to be such a gift, should earnestly seek to be sure whether it truly is a gift of God, or whether Satan has deceived them and led them to accept something as being from God, which merely is psychological or demonic inspired.

3. The Scriptures do not teach that tongues is a sign of being filled with the Holy Spirit, nor that it is a gift to be prayed for or sought. Therefore the individual who may have received such a gift will recognize that it is not for all Christians, and will not be critical of or judgmental of the spirituality of those Christians who have not received this gift. At the same time, those who have not received it will not critically judge those who truly have it. Each individual is responsible to God alone, and the Holy Spirit will deal with each one as he will. It is not a sign of special spiritual depth or of an experience which some call "baptism" of the Holy Spirit.

4. We must recognize that the gift of tongues is not of major importance, since it never was mentioned by Jesus; is not referred to as a gift given to any outstanding New Testament Christian; is not mentioned in any of the New Testament Epistles save this one, and here only in a correctional manner; and is not mentioned in the lives of any of the great Christian leaders who have lived through the ages. Spurgeon, Moody, Torrey, Truett, Criswell, Graham, and other men like them, all were or are men of deep prayer and spiritual experience, and were or are greatly used of God, but not one of them ever reports anything like a gift of tongues or a tongue experience. The gift cannot be of major importance, if it never is bestowed upon the outstanding leaders of Christian witness.

5. Any use of tongues by any Christian who claims to have received the gift, must be exercised strictly according to the clear teaching of the Scriptures. If the teachings of Paul in these two chapters is followed, the issue will not create serious problems in a church. When any individual or group, however, fails to follow these clear teachings, the matter can create problems in the modern churches even as it did at Corinth.

6. What all of us do in the churches should be for the glory of the Lord and for the edification of the church. Anything that does not do that, but rather causes confusion and division, should not be allowed in the churches.

7. These admonitions of Paul are needed in some churches today, for tongues are creating problems for some present day churches even as they did at Corinth. We would urge those who are promoting the tongue idea, and the churches involved, both to seek the clear leading of the Lord as revealed in these chapters, and not to allow Satan to inject this disturbing, divisive issue into the fellowship. This may take much prayer, much patience, and Christian tact, but the Word must be followed firmly and faithfully if the Spirit of the Lord is to control and His will prevail.



The Neglected Reservoir

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Missionaries Need A Land Rover

Dear Dr. Odle:

Since we visited for a moment at the Evangelism Conference last year, much has happened concerning our plans and place of service. In April, the Lord laid Africa on our hearts, and after a long wait for visas, we arrived in Windhoek on December 7.

Please pray with us as we seek to learn two new languages, Afrikaans and German, and attempt to open up mission stations in this land which is a little larger than Texas. One prayer request of urgent importance: As yet we do not need the type transportation to cover this land of deserts rugged mountains, etc. What we need is called a landrover costing in excess of \$5,000. This is, of course, far above the Foreign Mission Board's resources or policy. We are trusting that the Lord will touch hearts somewhere and provide this for our mission here.

Our greetings and gratitude to all Mississippi Baptists who are so faithful to support us through the Cooperative Program every week, and their prayers every day.

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Principal Sought For Projected Baptist School

Dear Editor:

A group of ten Baptist churches in the Whitehaven community of Memphis, Tennessee, are sponsoring the opening of a Southern Baptist school, effective September 1973, including grades 1-12. Land has been purchased and sufficient amount of money has been secured. The school is in need of a Headmaster. The individual should have a fine Christian background and at least a Master's degree in Education.

Dr. Lewis D. Ferrell, pastor, Whitehaven Baptist Church and Chairman of the Faculty Committee of the new school, may be contacted at the following address:

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EDUCATION... what's happening

Dr. Joseph R. Strayer, Professor of Medieval History at Princeton University, has painted a verbal picture of the college professor's dream freshman:

"He is perfectly prepared in history and the humanities. He would read rapidly, intelligently, and with pleasure works of literature and scholarship. He would express his ideas fluently and correctly, both in oral and in written form. He would know at least one foreign language well enough to use it in all his college work. He would know the history of his own country thoroughly and have some acquaintance with the recent history of other countries. In learning this history he would have acquired enough understanding of organized societies so that he could begin the study of the more abstract social sciences, such as economics and politics, at a reasonable adult level."

TENT by Joy Mackay (Scripture Press, 31 pp., paper) Wet weather ideas galore! Great for camp leaders; also fun activities for weekday clubs, day schools, youth parties, VBS, home. This remarkable book has a "jillion" usable suggestions. It is a book you'll reach for next time it rains—or wish you had!

MANAGING OUR WORK by John W. Alexander (InterVarsity, paper, \$1.50).

This is a practical guide to managing personal and professional time and work. The author suggests setting realistic objectives, goals and standards; adjusting workloads to match; and constantly evaluating performance.

A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Saturday was turkey-cooking day at our house. We go about turkey-cooking with much the same gusto and purpose as people out from my hometown used to go about hog-killing. However, I am glad that technological advance makes it unnecessary for us to build a fire under a washpot in the backyard. I'm glad that when I get the turkey, it is oven-ready. That's one of the prettiest adjectives I know.

Though I feasted many times on the delicacies (my favorite was tenderloin, some folks saying this was true because I never would try the chittlins!) of hog-killing, I can remember actually witnessing and participating in only one. That was enough.

But back to our turkey-cooking. These early folks I heard talk about killing hogs when I was growing up used to say of certain neighbors that they used everything about the hog except its squeal. That's about the way we use a turkey.

Rarely ever is our freezer without a turkey in it. If the price is right, we may even stash two or three away for hard times. After rolling up and down every grocery aisle Friday, examining item after item, we decided it was about turkey-cooking time again.

We really start the day before by thawing the bird all day. Right after supper, we salt it down, put it in a roaster with lots of water for broth and start it cooking. About midnight or so we turn the oven off, leaving the turkey in the oven until morning.

We followed this procedure Friday night, and Saturday we assembled all kinds of ingredients for our favorite turkey-freezing dishes. By nightfall we had frozen two turkey-rice casseroles, two turkey-green onion casseroles, four casseroles of turkey spaghetti (two of them large company size), and two quarters of broth which I'll use to make dumplings. Now, the delightful thing is that all this was done without even slicing the turkey breast. Half the breast is wrapped in foil in the refrigerator to slice for sandwiches or for a meal; the other half is frozen, but will come to the same fate a little later.

It seems to us that the only way to feed a family well and still be able to do what else a family needs done for it is to be willing to spend some extra time and a lot of extra energy on meal-centered projects like a turkey-cooking day. Not much a mother does for her family is more helpful than proper food. A turkey-cooking day makes the house smell good, makes the children feel loved and cared for, and makes a mother feel like she's really worth her salt, after all.

And, what Daddy wouldn't be pleased to know that the main dishes, all heavy on meat, for at least twelve meals (two of them for company) came from a seven-dollar turkey?

He might even blow the savings to take the cook out to supper. He can be sure she won't order turkey, though.

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On-To-College Conference Scheduled For Glorieta

NASHVILLE—On April 17, the first National On-to-College Conference will begin in Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M., for high school seniors and recent high school graduates who are college bound.

National student ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring the conference and providing a number of the program personalities from their staff.

Theme for the conference is "The Wonderful Worlds of College." The conference will run

from Tuesday night, April 17, to noon Friday, April 20.

Debby Robert, Miss Louisiana 1972, and Ed Seabough of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will be two of the featured speakers. Miss Robert will give a personal testimony, and Seabough will deliver one of the evening messages entitled "The Campus World."

Other speakers are Doug Manning, pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; James Dunn, director, Texas Christian Life Commission; S.

L. Harris, counselor and assistant professor of sociology, Tarant County Junior College, Northeast Campus, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Robert Moore, University Choir Director, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex.; and Tony Hough, director, Baptist Young Men's department, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

Areas of interest to be covered during the discussions of the week are problems that will be encountered by the college freshman, 20th Century theology for

students and dealing with persons of different religions, philosophies and life styles.

Training opportunities will also be available for workers with this age group.

Cost for the conference is \$30 per person. This fee will cover registration, insurance, full use of the conference center recreation equipment, lodging and meals.

To register, write to Mark Short, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N. M., 87535.



Ed Seabough

Miss Louisiana

Today's Youth

New Benefits Are To Be Available To Glorieta Staffers

NASHVILLE — Improved recreational activities, a high quality program of Christian training and a wage increase are included in the new staff program beginning this summer at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M.

Staffers gain missions experience by assisting in Vacation Bible Schools in Santa Fe and the Pecos Wilderness Area. Staff seminars will cover evangelism, creative worship and communication problems. Also, outstanding Christian leaders will visit with the staff throughout the summer.

A special service the Glorieta staffers may perform is with the Indian Hall Ministry in Santa Fe. This is a street ministry providing young people with supper and a place to sleep.

The music program includes training and experience in vocal and instrumental music and instruction in basic composition, music theory, conducting, sightreading and basic guitar.

The athletic program offers organized softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis and hiking.

Staffers will be able to gain drama experience by participating in staff productions and journalism experience through a weekly newspaper and annual.

Weekly take-home pay this year will be from \$22-\$25 per week after deductions for taxes and room and board.

By serving guests, staffers learn a Christian's responsibility as they serve wherever assigned, performing a variety of jobs necessary around the conference center.

Sight-seeing opportunities include Santa Fe, Taos, Los Alamos, and other Northern New Mexico points of interest.

The summer staff program runs from June 1 to Sept. 3. Preference is given applicants who can stay for the entire program. An applicant must be at least 17 years old and a Christian who is an active member of a Baptist church.

Applications are available from Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M., 87535.

"Miss Mississippi" Guest At Sand Hill

The young people of Sand Hill Church held their annual banquet on Monday night, February 13. The special guest for this event was Miss Mississippi, Glenda Cheryl Meadows of Richton. Miss Meadows was presented a wrist corsage and a silver tray by the young people of the church.

Miss Meadows' mother, Mrs. Jerry Meadows, attended the banquet. Mrs. Daisy Thomas, also of Richton, accompanied Miss Meadows at the piano. A group of young people from Hattiesburg, known as "Praise The Lord Group," also contributed to the program.

The meal was prepared and served by the W. M. S. ladies. The decorations were designed and arranged by Jerry W. Beard, church decorator.

Covington Youth To Present 'Celebrate Life'

Over fifty young people from eleven churches in Covington County will present the folk musical, "Celebrate Life" by Beryl Red, March 9-10, in Collins Church. The cast combines local youth of junior high through college age. They have been rehearsing since mid-January under the direction of Lloyd Mims, minister of music of the Collins Church. Guest dramatists from William Carey College will portray the roles of the Apostles. They include Russell Willingham, Walter Wilson, Conrad Howell, and Jim Cole.

The theme of Celebrate Life centers around the fact that our daily lives should be lived as a celebration of the one whose life made it possible for each of us to have life itself — and to have it eternally. The story is told through the eyes of four characters — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The presentations will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 9 and 10.

"Opportunity Knocks" Theme For Clarke College Guest Day

On Saturday, March 24, young people from throughout the state will be arriving on the campus of Clarke College to explore a day of "Opportunity Knocking." Through conferences, both formal and informal; campus tours; residence hall inspections; and just "getting acquainted" in general, these visitors will be able to determine whether or not they would be interested in attending Clarke College.

An added feature to this spring guest day will be a conference especially for parents of prospective students. The parents will be given information concerning finances, grades and campus regulations. Ample opportunity will be provided for questions and answers.

The Newton campus will host lunch for all the guests and the entire day, including a ball game and an afternoon entertainment session will be at no cost to those attending.

Woodie Burt, admissions counselor for the college, is in charge of the arrangements. Clarke students will serve as tour guides, luncheon hosts, and will be available for general information on life at Clarke College.

Guests arriving from distances will be provided with overnight accommodations and will be guests of the college for the annual Spring Play, "Three Blind Mice," a romantic comedy scheduled for presentation on Friday evening, March 23.

Speaker At Co-Lin

Dr. Gail DeBord, pictured, pastor of First Church, Long Beach, was the speaker throughout the Spiritual



Emphasis Week (Feb. 26 - March 2) at Copiah - Lincoln Jr. College, Wesson. The final program of the week included the Shades of Light, Youth Ensemble of First Church, Long Beach.



RECORDING STAR—These two Mississippi College coeds, Jane Reed, left, Atlanta, Ga. and Lissa Ward, Canal Zone; are shown with the well-known recording star, Ray Hilderbrand, who was a guest speaker at the college during Religious Emphasis Week.



Youth Banquet at Holiday Inn Feb. 17, the special guest speaker was Joe McLellan, pharmacist from Lexington. Mr. McLellan spoke on "Opportunities for Youth." He is in ideation and a lay speaker. Left to right, above are Rev. and Mrs. Charles Jones, pastor of Hardy Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe McLellan, guest speaker. Forty were present.

Every Youth Will Have His Say At 8th Baptist Youth World Conference

WASHINGTON — "To explore (with) and affirm each other as different peoples who share the common challenge to live — as the body of Christ."

This will be the objective for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, meeting at Portland, Oregon, USA, July 31 - August 4, 1974. An attendance of 6000 youth is expected to come from 60 different countries.

The objective was approved by a discussion group of 40 representative youth, called to Washington to advise with the administrative committee of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance (February 9-10).

Leaders earlier had approved "Christ — Our Challenge to Live" as theme for the conference.

Karl - Heinz Walter of Hamburg, Germany, chairman of the Youth Committee, flew to Washington for the February discussions. Charles Roselle, vice chairman, and Theo Patnaik, youth secretary of the BWA, took other leadership roles.

John L. (Bud) Carroll, director of youth ministries for the American Baptist Churches USA, brought the detailed report that outlined the objective and a five - tiered structure that will be every participants into an active role in the 1974 conference.

Mass meetings will be held to a minimum. The action will begin in "core" groups of ten persons each. In these small groups every individual will share his experiences, doubts, and hopes.

One thousand or more invited

Charles Dickens helped boost the early Christmas cards, which often sported the pictures of kittens, flowers and birds instead of ice and snow. Frosted and fringed cards appeared in 1870.

Call '73 Conference At Carey April 7-8

The second annual CALL '73 CONFERENCE for dedicated high school students in Baptist churches has been set for April 7-8 on the William Carey College campus, according to an announcement by Dr. Jerry Oswalt, chaplain of the college.

"Over two hundred and fifty Christian youth, destined for Christian vocations of various types, crowded on the Carey College campus last spring for the first Call '72 Conference," commented Dr. Oswalt, "we are expecting even more in April of this year."

Approximately fifteen major vocational areas in which Christian young people can function in full-time capacity will be explored. These will include the areas of missions, denominational field work, pastorate, music and educational ministries, religious drama, Christian journalism and public relations, denominational promotion, social ministries, and other related fields. Outstanding experts from across the South will be on campus to direct four separate dialogue sessions which will be selected freely by the students in attendance.

Dr. Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Seminary, will lead a joint session on "Finding and Following God's Call" and will also lead in the final joint worship service on Sunday at 11 a.m. Governor Bill Waller will also appear on the program for Call '73, discussing the Christian's position in politics. The fourteen other conference leaders will be announced at a later time.

CALL '73 conferees will register on Saturday morning, April 7 on the patio of Wilkes Dining Hall at 9 A.M. The first session will begin shortly thereafter in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. The charge for the entire week

end which will include four meals catered by Morrison's food Service and over - night accommodations — will be \$7.50. It is expected that many churches will help subsidize the expenses of some of the high school students coming from their area to the conference.

"This vocational conference is not for ALL high school students," clarified school officials. "This is only for those young people who are sincerely searching for guidance in respect to a Christian vocation. Many have responded to God's call for service but are still uncertain as to a Christian vocation suitable to their talents. It is this group whom we want to expose to a wide variety of vocational opportunities about which they have never known before."

Sixteen William Carey College students, all majoring in religion, have been named directors for CALL '73. They will participate in the planning, promotion and carrying out of all details for the weekend activities.

Senior Speech Recital March 9 At Blue Mtn.

On Friday, March 9, at 8 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium, the Department of Speech and Drama, Blue Mountain College, will present Frances Tamboli in her senior speech recital, "Anne of the Thousand Days."

The public is invited to the Recital and the reception which follows.

Miss Tamboli, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tamboli of Memphis, is grand director of Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary speech fraternity; art editor of the Mountaineer, college yearbook; was a 1972 Royal Maid for the May Queen's Court; and is serving as student director of the spring production, "Fiddler on the Roof."

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Alaska Pastor's Daughter "Most Beautiful"

"The Look of Love" was the theme for the annual Clarke College Beauty Pageant, held Feb. 15. Crowned "Most Beautiful, 1973" was Darby Moore, Clarke College freshman from Alaska.

Named for four runner-up positions were: Belinda Cross, Lillian Griffin, and Jenny Griffin, all of Meridian, Mary Smith of Enterprise.

Miss Moore, previously first runner-up in Alaska's Junior Miss Competition, and "Miss Congeniality" in the Alaska pageant, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Moore of Kenai, Alaska. Her father, a graduate of New Orleans Seminary, is a Baptist pastor and home missionary on the

Kenai peninsula. Miss Moore wants to serve in some form of missionary service.

A talented ventriloquist, she has appeared at civic clubs and social gatherings throughout the state and is much in demand as a speaker for youth activities in churches in this area and in neighboring states.

By student ballot, "Most Handsome" young man was revealed to be Allen Dees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dees of Kosciusko.

In a period of special recognition, Mr. Partridge read a tribute to Clarke's "Sweethearts," and recognized President and Mrs. W. L. Compere.



Clarke College president, Dr. W. L. Compere, crowns "Most Beautiful, 1973," Darby Moore.

The gifts to Foreign Missions Week of Prayer (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) are listed as received February 28 with 1,429 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$1,060,597.90

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Texas Award Given To State Pastor

On February 19, Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor of Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, was presented an award of special appreciation from the Executive Board of Zephyr Baptist Encampment, located on Lake Mathis, near Sandia, Texas. Zephyr Baptist Encampment serves the Corpus Christi and Magic Valley Areas of South Texas; it began August 19, 1967, with Dr. Webb as chairman of the Organization Committee. Dr. Webb later was elected as the first president of the Board of Trustees, and served while the first buildings were under construction.

The award was presented at a banquet celebrating the completion of construction of all the facilities and the payment of all the bonded indebtedness. Since its beginning more than 60,000 people have been in the services on the grounds. A total of 2,259 professions of faith have been recorded, 6,555 have rededicated their lives, and 1,193 have surrendered for full-time Christian Service.

Dr. Webb is currently serving as President of the Jackson County Ministers' Conference and as Chairman of the Mississippi Committee of the Association.

Since Ingalls Avenue Church was a host church for Jackson Association Bible Study at the time the award was made, Dr. Webb was not able to accept the presentation in person. Therefore, Joe Amerine, missionary for the Coastal Bend Baptist Association in Texas, received the award for him.

Mr. Amerine in accepting the award said, "It is a privilege to accept this award — so well deserved by Dr. Allen O. Webb. His election to serve as the first president of Zephyr Encampment was an ideal selection. His service was characterized by dignity, training, ability, and complete dedication."



Called To Alabama

Mt. Vernon Church, near Jasper, Alabama, at Curry, has called Jerrell C. Rogers as minister of music. A native of Jackson and Tupelo, he attended Clarke College, transferred to Mississippi College 1965 - 68 and received Bachelor of Music Education. He entered New Orleans Seminary 1968, graduated 1971, M.R.E.

Mr. Rogers has served the following churches: Oak Grove, Meridian; McAdams, Kosciusko; Flora, First; Salem, Collins; New Palestine, Pica-yune; Daniel Memorial, Jackson. He worked with the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan Hall, director, for four years as coordinator of "Summer Student Music Program."

He is married to Brenda Hodges of Jackson, Ms., and North Carolina. Mrs. Rogers is a graduate of M. C. with B. S. and Master of Education degrees. The Rogers have two boys, Brian, 3, and Brad, six months.

A reception for the Rogers family was held following the evening worship on March 4. Rev. J. Lendise Odom is the Mt. Vernon pastor.

Hope is the anchor of the soul, the stimulus to action, and the incentive to achievement.

Sunday School Lesson: International

Man Is A Responsible Being

Genesis 1:27-30; 4:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 14:10-12
By Clifton J. Allen

The Christian affirms his belief, man is a responsible being. Such a belief is absolutely essential to man's fulfillment of the divine likeness and his destiny in God's design. A false view of man, or of God's purpose in and for man, is the source of the gravest peril, for oneself and for others. The Christian view of man grows out of his having been created in God's image and his having been commissioned to be God's steward in the world. This view also recognizes that man must live in relationship with other persons. He is — in many ways — both dependent on them and responsible for them. Properly understood, man is his brother's keeper. In the final judgment, we shall therefore be judged according to our concern for and deeds of helpfulness toward other persons.

The Lesson Explained
A CHARGE TO KEEP (Gen. 1:27-30)
The glory of man is that he was created in the image of God. This means that he is competent in the realm of moral action. He is therefore responsible for his actions. It was God's purpose that man should exercise moral self-control in the sphere of his own life. Next, God commissioned man to be reproductive. Man was created male and female. Sex is the creation of God. Marriage and the bearing of children were God's intention from the beginning. Then God gave to man a special stewardship of dominion over the things of the earth. Man was to control or

care for and to use for his well-being the resources of the natural world and the other kinds of life created by God. And of course man's stewardship was inclusive of his responsibility to achieve the highest possible level of spiritual maturity and moral excellence and compassionate ministry in the service of God.

THE DAY OF JUDGMENT (Acts 17:30-31)

Man failed to keep God's charge as to a life of obedience and fell into sin. God did not despair. He provided redemption through Christ. And this was the reason Christ commanded his followers to declare this message to the whole world. Paul was engaged in this mission, preaching to the pagans in Athens. At the climax of his sermon, he declared God's command to men to repent and declared the certainty of the day of judgment. God will no longer overlook the times of ignorance. God has decreed a day of judgment. The proof of this is that he has raised Jesus from the dead. Man will be judged in righteousness by Christ as the judge of all men. For all who have repented with sincerity, having put their faith in Christ, there will be blessed acceptance into the everlasting glory of the Father. While for those who have not repented, there will be rejection and banishment into the everlasting punishment of the unredeemed.

ACCOUNTABLE FOR ONESELF (Rom. 14:10-12)

The setting of these verses is a situation that existed among the Christians in Rome. Some of them, with undeveloped and immature faith, were confused about questions relating to certain foods and questions about the observance of the special days. Judgmental criticism resulted. Some of the Christians condemned oth-

ers for abstaining or not abstaining from certain foods and for observing or not observing certain days. They were making their faith legalistic, and they were forgetting that each person is accountable for himself. Hence Paul's rebuke and earnest admonition. He urged them not to pass judgment on one another. He warned that every person must be responsible for himself; he must answer before God for the integrity of his own conscience and the attitudes and deeds of his own conduct. Every person is morally responsible and will be held accountable for his own conduct.

Truths to Live By

Man is on trial in the area of moral and spiritual development — God has given us moral capacities and moral freedom, and made us morally responsible. We ought to acquire ourselves with Christian courage, faith, and determination to strive to achieve the highest level of personhood in the image of Christ.

Man's responsibility for the natural world is a creative challenge to mankind. — God has allowed man to discover more and more the secrets of the universe and to capture more and more of the resources of the natural world. And now man faces the creative challenge to turn nuclear power into the service of mankind, to overcome the pollution that becomes an increasingly serious threat to human well-being, to capture natural resources that will provide more facilities for industry and food and health for the whole human race, and to discover better ways of adjustment to the laws of nature that will result in the well-being of people everywhere.

Man is responsible for other persons. — The fact that each person is individually accountable to God must not blind us to the fact that we are responsible for our fellows — not to answer for their attitudes and deeds, but to answer for helping them in every way we can in the name of Christ.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Christian Is Responsible For All Men

By Bill Duncan

I Corinthians 9

John F. Havlik in his book, *People-Centered Evangelism*, has made some interesting observations.

"The church must decide what it is for. It exists for more than building an institution or an organization. It exists for more than the creation of a 'religious ghetto.' It exists for more than to serve as a repository of a creed. It exists for more than the maintenance of its clergy. It exists in the name of God and in the name of Jesus Christ for people. It exists for the salvation, happiness, and well-being of people."

As a church must decide what it is for, so must each individual Christian. Are we to build the church organization so that we can appear to be Christian? A Christian is to be "Christ-one." It appears that we have a lot more church members than we have Christians. Christ came into the world and got involved with people. Why did He get involved in the hopes, fears, and problems of people? Was it not because Jesus felt responsible for all people? The people who are living the Christian life are those who are involved with a respon-

sible attitude helping people come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and then disciplining the converts to maturity. This involves commitment which means a cross or death to self. The Christian is committed to serving Christ by serving others.

One night in a revival during the invitation, a woman came for membership who was ill-clothed and very poor. She was the only one who came that night. Afterward the pastor said to the evangelist: "That was a good service. I am so glad she came. We can do so much for that family." That was the spirit of the apostle Paul who felt responsible for all the people he touched.

Paul had the privilege of being an apostle but he regarded his work not as a career of accumulation but as an opportunity of service. He regarded the privilege of service to others for God's sake as the means of love. In carrying out this responsibility, he was determined that he would not bring discredit on the gospel. Men always judge the message by the life and character of the man who brings it. Someone once said to a preacher, "I cannot hear what you say for listening to what you are."

However, the role Paul lived was that which identified with the people. "I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more." He identified with the Jews as a brother. He iden-

tified with the Gentiles by living the law of love. He identified with the weak in conscience by living so that they would not be offended. Therefore, he was willing to sacrifice certain pleasures and selfish advantages under discipline so as to be a good witness. We can never attain to any kind of evangelism or friendship without speaking the same language and thinking the same thoughts as the other man. So long as we patronize people, so long as we make no effort to understand them, so long as we make no effort to find some point of contact, we can never get anywhere with them. Paul saw how utterly essential it was to become all things to all men. The trouble with our mission approach is that we do not even try to get alongside people.

In giving a responsible witness of our salvation, there is no easy way of things. Responsibility requires self-discipline. An athlete is pictured training with intensity to win a contest. How much should the Christian discipline himself in order to win the crown of Life?

Discipline is demanded in the Christian life. There is no discipline without a challenging goal. Many people are drifting through life because they do not have goals that demands their best.

Someone once drew a cartoon showing two men on Mars looking down at

the people in this world scurrying here, there, and everywhere. One said to the other: "What are they doing?" The other replied, "They are going." "But," said the first, "where are they going?" "O," said the other, "they are not going anywhere, they are just going." "And to go just anywhere is the certain way to arrive nowhere."

In life we cannot serve others unless we master our ourselves. We cannot teach what we do not know, we cannot bring others to Christ until we ourselves have found Him and are controlled by Him.

The real purpose of life is to influence people to become what God wants them to be. This takes responsible action and love. It is easy to think that there is no real reason for life. But, there are people everywhere that need what we can give them. But, you must feel responsible for them. We must become interested in all men.

The man who can never see anything but his own point of view, who is completely intolerant, who totally lacks the gift of sympathy, who never makes any attempt to understand the minds and hearts of others will never make a pastor or an evangelist or even a friend. This is just as true for laymen as well.

The Christian motivated by love has a responsibility to understand and help mankind. This comes but by giving ourselves. Dedication of ourselves to the Lord's work is most important. In this spirit, we can do the work of Christ in his stead.

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Names In The News

Joe Alvin Jackson was ordained to the gospel ministry on February 11 at Friendship Church, Pike County. He is pastor of the Oak Grove Church, Amite County. Rev. Glen Schilling, Friendship pastor, delivered the ordination message; Rev. Glenn Williams gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. H. P. Porter the charge to the church; C. E. Jackson, Sr. presented a Bible from the church; J. M. White, Clifton Williams, Burnett Carraway, and Hugh Larry Jackson were also on program. Mr. Jackson, married and the father of two children, is a student at New Orleans Seminary.



Kathy Gelston, left, of Mount Vernon Church, Holmes County, recently received a five-year Sunday School perfect attendance pin. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gelston of West. Earl Aldridge, right, also of Mount Vernon, received an eight-year perfect attendance pin. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Aldridge of West.



Robert Sheffield (left) of Prentiss, visited Southwestern Seminary and talked with David O'Brien, a Southwestern Seminary student from Collins, right, during a recent meeting of Southwestern's thirty state alumni presidents. Sheffield is the president of the seminary's Mississippi alumni association.

Dr. John P. Newport, professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern Seminary is at Mississippi College March 8 for a special Lectureship in Evangelism sponsored by the Division of Religion. A former pastor of the First Church, Clinton, he spoke in chapel services on March 7 and then made appearances in various classes at the college. He will be featured in several classes today. There was a special autograph party immediately following the chapel address in the B. C. Rogers Student Center with Dr. Newport autographing copies of his newest book, *Demons, Demons*, recently published by Broadman Press.

John A. Ishee, editor of pastoral ministries materials, church administration department of the Sunday School Board, has recently completed requirements for the Ed. D. degree at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. A native of Laurel, Miss., Ishee earned the B. S. degree in education from Austin Peay State University, Clarks-ville, Tenn., received the M.R.E. degree from Southern Seminary, and later the M. A. degree from Peabody College. Ishee joined the editorial staff of the board's training union department in November, 1963.

Rev. Jerry K. Scott celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of East Moss Point Church, Moss Point, on Feb. 25. During the year there have been 90 additions to the church, with 62 for Baptism. The church has called a full-time minister of music and youth.



They have voted to renovate the auditorium. A Senior Citizens Club has been started. Mr. Scott is a graduate of North Greenville College, New Orleans Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary. Also he has done pastoral clinical psychology with study at Greenville General Hospital. He is married to the former Martha Jean Stroud and they have three children, Ken, Stan, and Tonya.

Devotional

"He Touched Me"

By W. C. Burns, Pastor, First, Ellenville

One of the most beautiful poems ever written is the poem "The Touch of the Master's Hand." It tells of the old violin battered and scarred. The auctioneer did not expect it to bring much at the sale. He was about to sell it for \$3.00 when an old gray-haired man came and dusted the old violin off and played a sweet melody. Immediately the violin sold for \$3,000.00. Someone asked what changed the price of that old violin and a man replied, "The touch of the master's hand."



"Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame; then the hand of Jesus touched me and now I am no longer the same. He touched me, and oh, the joy that floods my soul! He touched me and made me whole."

Have you been touched by the Master's hand?

THE TOUCH OF CHRIST IS A LOVING TOUCH: The Bible says in Jeremiah 31: "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, 'Yes, I have loved thee with an everlasting love.' "The Bible teaches that the first mark of a Christian is love for others. We are to love the Lord with all thine hearts." Yes, the touch that all of us need today is the touch of Jesus.

THE TOUCH OF CHRIST IS A BLESSED TOUCH: The Bible says, "And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them." The touch of Jesus is a blessing. Notice the power of the blessed touch of the Master:

(A) Jesus touched a prodigal and he became a beautiful son.

(B) Jesus touched Magdalene and she became a sweet saint.

Jesus can touch you today. All we have to do is reach out and receive Him. "AND JESUS PUT FORTH HIS HAND, AND TOUCHED HIM, SAYING, I WILL BE THOU CLEAN, AND IMMEDIATELY HIS LEPROSY WAS CLEANSSED" (Matthew 8:3).

May the blessed and loving touch of the Master's Hand be upon you today in my specific prayer.

Former Dorm Matron At MC Celebrates 100th Birthday

By David Merritt, pastor, First, Lucedale

On February 8, Mrs. Maude Durrett Johnson of Lucedale celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Johnson was born February 8, 1873, in Yalobusha County in a little town known as Airmount, near the town of Coffeeville.

While teaching school in her home town, she met and married Dr. George West Johnson, a practicing physician. Their marriage was blessed with three children. The first child died in infancy, but a son, George West Johnson, and a daughter, Mary Johnson (now Mrs. J. M. Dorsett) became the joy of her life. Dr. Johnson died in 1921 and Mrs. Johnson was left with the responsibility of two children to educate.

She accepted a position as dorm matron at Mississippi College in Clinton and both her children graduated from Mississippi College. In all those years she was not a stranger to work; she did not falter under her responsibilities.

In 1945 she moved to Lucedale where she has resided since. She joined First Baptist Church, Lucedale and has been one of its most faithful and



Mrs. Johnson

concerned members. She has not been physically able to attend for several years, but she maintains a genuine interest in the church and supports it in whatever way she can.

Her mind is still remarkable clear and active; and her memory amazes all who talk to her. She is able to quote from memory many of the Psalms and much of the teachings of Jesus, and she still spends a great deal of her time reading a Bible with enlarged letters using a magnifying glass. She has a personal library filled with some of the greatest books ever written about the Bible. She has a broad background of reading and study and experience and God has marvelously blessed her life through the years.

She has claimed many of God's promises as her very own and has grown into a rich fullness in Christ. Her life is indeed a pattern, an example, a steady, straight uphill climb toward the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of her life.

Abbeville Has New Pastor

Rev. Millard L. Swinney recently accepted the call to Abbeville Church, Lafayette Association. He and his family have moved on the field. The congregation gave them a pantry shower along with other gifts.

Mr. Swinney moved from the Banner and Antioch Churches. He has served as pastor in Pontotoc, Alcorn, Marshall, Lee, and Calhoun Associations. He has also served in several different offices of the associations.

He and Mrs. Swinney have two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Sappington, teacher in Olive Branch High School, and Betty, a junior at University of Mississippi.

Nurse Appreciation Week

Hats don't grow on trees, but nurses' caps will be on display in the lobby of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital during the week of March 11, and they will be on a tree branch.

The purpose is to dramatize national Nurse Appreciation Week and to focus attention on a key member of the health team, according to hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor.

Mrs. Jonnye Weber, director of nursing services at the hospital, said that the "Hat Tree" will feature one cap from each school of nursing represented at the hospital.

As another observance of the special recognition week, each nurse at Mississippi Baptist Hospital will wear a bright red carnation during the period.

Of the hospital's 1100 employees, approximately 475 are employed in nursing service making the division of nursing the largest single department in the hospital.

Bay St. Louis Pastor To Move To Alabama

Rev. Perry D. Neal has resigned as pastor from First Church, Bay St. Louis, effective March 11, to go to Montgomery, Alabama and pastor Eastdale Chapel on 400 Burbank Dr.

Mr. Neal and his wife will make their new home at 4418 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36109.

Born in Montgomery, Ala., Mr. Neal received his B. A. degree from Samford University and

Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He formerly served as pastor of the Tunnell Chapel Church, Wetumpka, Ala. and of Sister Springs Church, Selma, Ala. He served as minister of activities, evangelism and youth at First Church, Biloxi, before becoming pastor of First, Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Neal has conducted revivals in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Louisiana, as well as being active in speaking to schools and youth groups. He has served as chairman of the Gulf Coast Association Finance Committee and as program chairman for the Pastor's Conference for the Gulf Coast Association. He served on the Steering Committee for the James Robison Crusade on the Coast in 1971. He has been a weekly columnist with the Sea Coast Echo.

Mr. Neal has been selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America."

He is married to the former Marcelene Spivey, also of Montgomery.

While he has been at First, Bay St. Louis, there have been some 371 decisions, 212 professions of faith. The budget has doubled, along with more extensive mission giving. The Sunday School has doubled and the Training program has tripled.



40 Years A Deacon

T. H. Brister, at right above, was recently honored by Mount Vernon Church, Holmes County, for his forty years of service as a deacon. Pictured presenting him a gift of appreciation from the church is the pastor, Rev. C. A. Dickerson.

Revival Dates

Abbeville (Lafayette): March 11-16; services on Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Millard L. Swinney, pastor, doing the preaching; Youth Day, March 18.

Cascilla Church (Tallahatchie): March 11-16; Rev. William T. Wright, R. 2, Oxford, evangelist; Joyce Ward, pianist; Don Pressgrove, song leader; services on Sunday at regular time; weekday at 7 p.m.; Rev. Roy R. Marshall, pastor.

Bethlehem Church, Tishomingo: March 18-23; Rev. W. A. Hamilton, evangelist; Rev. George D. Credille, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Pearl Church: Sunday night, March 11, through the Sunday morning, March 18; Dr. Fuller Saunders, pastor, Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, evangelist; Jerrell Rogers, Jasper, Alabama, formerly of Daniel Memorial, Jackson, leading the singing; services Monday - Friday at 10 a.m.; Monday - Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Carl E. Talbert, pastor.

Escatawpa Church: March 12 - 18; Rev. Ralph H. Young, pastor; Rev. Hugh Beasley of Cocoa, Fla., evangelist; Don Cawthon, minister of music at Escatawpa, singer; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Pinecrest (Jackson County): March 9-10-11; Buddy Mathis, son of Rev. Byron Mathis of Pascagoula and student at Mississippi College, evangelist; Mike McDaniel, student at William Carey College, music director; Rev. William R. Wyser, pastor.

West Side, Macon: March 16, 17 and 18; Rev. L. C. Anthony of Dublin Church, Prentiss, evangelist; Rev. Phillip Douglas, pastor, leading music; services Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m.; regular services Sunday.

North Columbia Church: Youth-led revival; March 18-23; Rev. Ernest Goff of Hattiesburg, evangelist; music planned by the church's new music and youth director, James Smith, student at Clarke College; Rev. M. H. Walston, pastor.

Barton Church, Lucedale: Mar. 11-16; Rev. Glen Savell, evangelist of Pascagoula, preaching; Rev. Horace Glass, pastor.

Coldwater Church, Philadelphia: March 19-25; Rev. Glen Savell, evangelist from Pascagoula, preaching; Rev. Robert Jones, pastor.

Cliff Temple (Adams): March 18-23, services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., weekday services, nights only 7:30; Rev. Joe L. Joyner, Hebron Church, Meridian, evangelist; Billy Ray Miller, Morgantown Church, Natchez, in charge of music; Rev. Bryant Hazlip, pastor.

Briar Hill (Rankin): March 9 - 11; youth revival; Rev. Ricky Gray, pastor at Cato, Mendenhall, evangelist; Jacqueline Polk, singer; Mrs. Dan Stewart, organist; Mrs. Debbie Seitz, Rev. Guy Gray, pastor; weekday services at 7:15 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

North Columbia Plans Homecoming, Dedication

North Columbia Church is making plans for Homecoming and Dedication Day on March 25.

All former members are invited to attend the day of remembering and dedicating the new education building. Some of the former pastors will be on program.

The new \$35,000 building is constructed of block and brick. It contains seven class rooms, two restrooms, kitchen, and assembly room.

The building was under the direction of the Building Committee: J. D. Pickett (now deceased), John B. Stringer, Homer Pope, Red Thompson, Clifford Chance, and Beason White.

Also to be dedicated is the new sanctuary furniture, colonial style which cost more than \$5100.

"During our building program God blessed and we were able to increase our Cooperative Program giving. Each year, 1972 and 1973, it was increased by 1%," states Rev. M. H. Walston, pastor.

Miss Ball To Sing In Senior Recital

The Music Department of Blue Mountain College will present Mary Margaret Ball in her senior voice recital on Tuesday, March 13, at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium. Miss Ball is a music major and will receive her Bachelor's degree on May 21 of the current session.

The public is invited to attend the recital and reception following.

Miss Ball is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Ball of Franklin, Tennessee. She is a student of Mrs. W. L. Robertson, assistant professor of music at BMC.

Called To Black Hawk

Rev. Luther Lindsey was called as pastor of Black Hawk Church, Carroll County, recently. Mr. Lindsey surrendered to the call to preach in 1972 and was licensed by Phillipston Church in March of 1972.

Having joined Phillipston Church in 1953, he taught an adult Sunday School class there for many years.

He was ordained on January 14, 1973, at Phillipston Church.

Mrs. Lindsey was the former Mary Frances Myers of Phillipston. The couple have two sons and a daughter.



Participants in the groundbreaking at First Church, Benndale, are pictured. Rev. George Harper, pastor, is fourth from the right on the back row. Gulfport Heights pastor, Rev. Lester (Pat) McNair, is pictured third from the right. (Gulfport Heights is assisting with the building.) The old building is in the background.

First Church, Benndale Is Constituted, Begins New Building In George County

The First Baptist Church of Benndale was constituted in January, 1973, and ground was broken February 17 for a new auditorium, 70 x 36 feet. Benndale Mission, sponsored by the Shady Grove Church, George County, had been started twelve years ago.

Rev. George Harper went there four months ago as pastor. Before moving to George County, he had been pastor of Beulah Church, Simpson County.

He is the first full-time pastor, living on the field, that the congregation has had. During the four months he has served at Benndale, the membership has almost doubled - from 35 to 55. In all, there have been 25 additions. The first deacon was recently elected. Sunday school now averages 40.

Shady Grove gives 5% of their offerings to assist the Benndale Church financially. Also Shady Grove gave a bus to Benndale, so that the newly constituted church already has a bus ministry.

The building which is shown in the rear of the picture above is the place where the Benndale Mission has been meeting. After the new building is complete, the old one will be used for Sunday school classrooms. Pastor Harper reports that the first building was constructed singlehanded by Rev. N. H. Smith, pastor of Shady Grove.

At one period of time, it seemed that the Benndale Mission would die, but for two or three years, David Weaver, deacon from Shady Grove, and his wife kept the services going when maybe only three or four would be present. Now that the mission has been constituted as a church and is going

Off The Record

Please Explain!

My precocious three year old nephew arrived to spend the week with us. I was apprehensive. Mike had a way of looking the most confident adult in the eye and shattering studied reason with a candid remark.

Everything went well until the morning the garden frog he'd more or less trapped in the flower bed strayed to the driveway and was run over by the family car.

We buried the frog in the back yard with proper honors. I hoped to console Mike by explaining that the frog would undoubtedly go up to heaven where he's live forever in a cool flower bed. He seemed to accept my theory.

Blue eyes staring at me as I struggled out of sleep early the next morning.

"I just dug up my frog," he said accusingly. "He hadn't gone anywhere and doesn't look like he's going to either!"

-Eva Lou Green

Up, Up and Away

Taxes may be staggering, but they never go down.



Mrs. Allie White Moore Dies At Arcola At 89

Funeral services were held in Arcola Church February 24 for Mrs. Allie White Moore, 89, wife of the late Curtis H. Moore. Services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Cecil Mulloy, assisted by Rev. B. E. Williams of Delta City and Mrs. W. S. Boland, organist.

Mrs. Moore's survivors include two daughters, Mrs. John Wilson of Pontotoc and Mrs. Norton Miller of Arcola; one sister, Mrs. S. H. Price of Delta City; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The Moore family moved to Arcola in 1923 where Mr. Moore was superintendent of the Arcola Consolidated School for 22 years. He was the teacher of the Adult Men's Sunday School Class until shortly before his death and Mrs. Moore taught the Adult Women's class, now known as the "Allie Moore Class" for 35 years.

What you don't know won't hurt you, but it may make you look pretty silly.

Reads Bible At Rest Home

Mrs. Carlton Crews, member and Adult teacher at Second Church, Water Valley, goes to the new general rest home at Water Valley every Monday and reads the Bible, usually to as many as sixteen persons. For her Christmas gift, sixteen at the rest home wrote appreciation notes to Mrs. Crews and gave them to her as she handed out fruits to them. Mrs. Crews framed the notes; she is pictured above with her framed gifts.



Left to right are Clarence Spencer, general Sunday School director; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. Vance Marberry, pastor, Immanuel, Olive Branch; Mrs. Ruby Napier, WMU director; Mrs. Ralph Wagner, church secretary and clerk. Not pictured: Joe Phillips, treasurer; and David Loftin, Church Training director.

Immanuel, Olive Branch, Is Constituted

Olive Branch Chapel, Olive Branch, was constituted as Immanuel Church, Olive Branch, in a meeting at the Chapel of the First U. S. Corporation Building, January 28, 1973. Dr. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary - treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was guest speaker.

When the church clerk read the revealed that 163 people were being duly constituted into the Immanuel Church.

The superintendent of missions for DeSoto County, Rev. Ervin Brown, presided. Rev. Vance Marberry was called as pastor. The scripture was read by Rev. Armond Taylor, moderator, DeSoto Association. Baptist Memorial Hospital Hostesses, Memphis, Tennessee, presented special music. The service was concluded with the baptism of several people in the baptistry of Center Hill Church.

The Olive Branch chapel began on October 12, 1972, when a group of concerned Christians met in the dining hall of Keene Corporation to make plans for a new Baptist church in the Olive Branch community.

Sunday, October 15, the first worship service was conducted at the Keene Corporation. Several interested people came and asked to be charter members.

The second worship service was conducted at the church building belonging to the Seventh Day Adventists. It was quite obvious that the group had outgrown their meeting place and prayer meetings were conducted to find God's open door for the group. Sunday, October 29, the door was opened in the building of the First U. S. Corporation on Highway 78.

On October 24, a part of the membership attended the DeSoto Association meeting at Carriage Hills Church.

Desoto County Plans Area-Wide Crusade

Key '73 is a year-long effort by more than 150 denominations and groups working together under the theme "Calling Our Continent to Christ."

Churches in the DeSoto County area have been active in the campaign since its beginning. Beginning March 11 and continuing through March 15 there will be an area-wide evangelistic crusade held at 7:30 p.m. daily in the auditorium of the Hernando High School.

Churches in the DeSoto and Tate County areas are co-operating in this joint crusade. The crusade will be conducted by the Ed Robb Evangelistic Association of Abilene, Tex.

Evangelist Ed Robb will bring the messages each night during the crusade and musical direction will be provided by Rev. Gene Moore.

Exactly what is snow? It's ice flakes. Snow starts out as drops of water held in clouds or upper air. To turn into snow, the drops must have a core, or center, such as a piece of dust, upon which the drops can crystallize.